Jewish Federation

Working Women's Forum

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That's what the Jewish Working Women's Forum was all about, and what an exciting day it was.

On Jan. 29 about forty women gathered for the first Jewish Working Women's Forum. This eventful day was sponsored by the Women's Division of the Charlotte Jewish Federation and filled an apparent need in our community. The day's program, which started at 10 a.m. and concluded at 3 p.m., was set up in a series of workshops. They included, "How to Deal with Discrimination," facilitated by Miriam Wallace; "Working and Parenting," Wilma Asrael; "Bridging the Gap Between Jewish and Secular Life," Barbara Ziegler; and "Can I Be Me or Must I Always Represent the Jewish Community," Marilyn Perlman.

The facilitators are women who are successful in their respective professional fields and did an outstanding job of leading the various discussions.

The presence of WTVI personnel and cameras to videotape the proceedings added an element of excitement. Plans are being made for this tape to be shown on a segment of the National Jewish Television Network - "Jewish Spectrum."

Elaine Chernotsky, in her introduction, explained that this program was just the beginning, and from it we hope to establish networking and support groups throughout the community.

At the conclusion of the day's program, evaluation sheets were completed by those attending; the day was considered a great success by all. One of the main conclusions that was highlighted was the satisfaction of meeting and sharing ideas with Jewish working women and discussing problems and possible solutions. There was an overall request for more of the same many interesting suggestions were made for future meetings such as workshops on stress management, sexuality, integrating single working women into the community, legal problems, family, child and elderly support groups.

Women's Division of the Federation will be working on future programs to fill the ongoing needs of the women in Charlotte. Announcements of such programs in the future will be forthcoming and it is the sincere desire of Women's Division to involve as many of the women in the Charlotte community as possible, both in the planning and participating stages.

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Henrietta Meltsner and Baila

Pransky.

By Ruth Goldberg



Debby Miller conducts workshop. Photo/R. Goldberg

Debby Miller, National UJA Member, conducted two Solicitor Training Workshops for Women's Division of Charlotte Jewish Federation on Jan. 9 and 10 at the home of Ruth Goldberg, President. Debby lives in Greensboro and has been traveling to Charlotte frequently in her capacity of "Chaver," friend and advisor, from UJA.

The groups were taught the purposes for a woman making her own commitment to campaign. The women also learned the techniques and tools for soliciting gifts.

The 1984 Campaign Committee who participated were: Bobbi Bernstein and Sara Schreibman, cochairs of campaign; Pearl Kier, chair of "Pacesetters" Division (\$1,000 and over); Rose Luski Lydia Eskenazi Addresses Community

By Doris Edelstein

The Jewish Community was privileged to hear Lydia Eskenazi, a Greek Jew, who is the public relations representative of the Joint Distribution Committee in Athens, Greece. This event was sponsored by the Education Committee of Charlotte Jewish Federation Women's Division on Jan. 25.

Mrs. Eskenazi spoke of the JDC as the welfare arm of American Jewry which reaches Jews of 33 countries with health, welfare, rehabilitation, educational and cultural services.

Having lived through the German occupation of northern Greece, Mrs. Eskenazi was a direct recipient of JDC help when the JDC came in with the allied liberation. Of the 80,000 Greek Jews, 70,000 had been sent to extermination camps. The remaining 10,000, having lived in hiding for 13 months, were brought back to life by the JDC.

In response to a flood of questions, Mrs. Eskenazi remarked that while Greek Jews have complete religious freedom and the rights of citizenship, all members of minority religions must register with the Greek government. This, of course, made it easier for the Germans to identify the Jews during the occupation. Mrs. Eskenazi and her family were saved by Christians who hid them during the war.

Today, she said, there are 6,000 Greek Jews in a country of nine million people. The Jews in Greece have their own committee which levies a tax on every Jew according to his financial ability; these tax funds are then used for various services and needs in the Jewish community. Here, the government registry is, of course, a help.

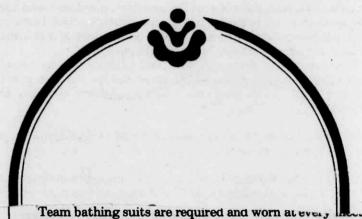
Mrs. Eskenazi made the evening a memorable one for all who attended. Sara Schreibman, cochairperson of the campagin, described the



(I to r) Baila Pransky, chairperson, Education Committee; Lydia Eskenazi, guest speaker; Lee Blumenthal, Doris Edelstein and Ethel Gordon. Photo/Ruth Goldberg

purposes, activities and programs of Women's Division. Baila Pransky, chairwoman, thanked the members of the Edcuation Committee: Lee Blumenthal, Ethel Gordon, Brenda Manes and Bobbie Pollard for their participation and help. She also thanked

Alice Sternberg who made arrangements for the meeting to be held in the Club Room of her apartment building; Sally Schrader for providing chairs and china; Louise Bernstein for invitations; and all the ladies who baked for the sweet table.



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thing to look forward to. The JCC is anticipating a lovely first family Shabbat and hopes this will begin a beautiful tradition. Bring your family for food and fellowship and then go to services at the synagogue of your choice. Temple Israel will be holding its early Children's Service at 7:30 p.m. Temple Beth El's service begins at 8:00 p.m.

Dinner will be \$5 per adult and \$2 per child. All reservations including fees must be made by Mar. 5. Call the JCC, 366-0357 for more informa-

Nominating Committee Appointed

At its Feb. 13 Board Meeting, The Jewish Community Center Board of Directors appointed its Nominating Committee. Those serving are: Bob Abel, Chairman, Mike Van Glish, Lynne Sheffer, Florence Jaffa, Claire Putterman. Marshall Rosenfeld and Gil Portnoy.

Day Camp Reunion and **Parents Information Night**

On Sun., Mar. 4 from 2 - 4 p.m. the JCC will have its annual Day Camp Reunion at McClintock Jr. High. All previous campers should come prepared to see old friends, remember great times and have a super afernoon.

On Tues., Mar. 6 at 8 p.m.

the JCC will hold a parents camp information night at Providence Methodist Church. Come and get your preview of the upcoming camp season and ask all of those questions that have been concerning you and see what's in store for your child this summer.

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